



Recycle This! Newsletter

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CRT Disposal Ban: Maine CRT Stakeholder Group Holds First Meeting

On June 5, the CRT Stakeholder Group which is comprised of representatives from the electronics industry, retailers, CRT recyclers, municipal officials, law makers, and staff from the DEP and SPO, met for the first time to tackle what to do with unwanted CRTs (cathode ray tubes) generated by Maine homeowners and businesses. With legislation banning their disposal taking into effect



January 1, 2006, the group's legislative role is to fashion a system for collection and recycling of CRTs and other electronic wastes. The group's activity relies on the concept of "shared responsibility" between manufacturers, distributors, retailers, consumers and other parties, which translates into figuring out who is going to do what **and** who is going to pay for it.

The original legislation, LD 743, was much broader in scope than the enacted law, Public Law 2003 Chapter 150. The law focuses on CRTs as the most pressing e-waste management problem but also asks for recommendations for a system to accommodate other e-wastes.

The duties for the stakeholder group are two fold: fact-finding and the development of recommendations. The group needs to figure out what the on-the-ground collection system should look like, and how collection & recycling costs are to be allocated. Final decisions on the recommendations to be included in the report will be made by DEP.

Among the questions and issues the group is to tackle:

- Amounts currently available for collection. How do we predict?

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68 Grant Proposals Received.

May 9 was the deadline for applications to be submitted for the 2003 Recycling Capital Investment and Public Infrastructure Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Management grants programs. Both of these grant programs are administered by the State Planning Office.

A total of 40 recycling capital investment grant applications requesting more than \$1,000,000 in funds were received. Only \$600,000 in funds were available and not all applicants were granted an award. Over a dozen roll-off containers will be purchased, two skid steers, three horizontal balers, two downstroke balers, two composting pads, two reuse buildings, dozens of other projects, and two communities will have funds to start recycling for the first time.



A total of 28 applications to the Part A HHW infrastructure grants program were also received. One community withdrew its application. Applicants requested slightly more than the \$350,000 allotment for Part A grants. All applicants were awarded money to complete their HHW project and only four applicants received fewer funds than requested. Projects will include new construction, additions, site work for roll-off containers, oil storage, antifreeze storage, paint storage in addition to storage facilities for electronics and mercury added products.

Part B of the HHW infrastructure grants program deals with establishment of regional facilities for managing HHW and those letters of intent were due by the end of May. Six letters of intent were *(Continued on Page 2)*

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- Existing and planned public infrastructure developed with grant funding from SPO, will it do the job? What information is available on manufacturer take back programs?
- Identify which CRTs should be included in collection program Review alternative disposal practices
- Recycling performance standards.
- Estimate cost of collection & recycling of CRTs

Next Meeting scheduled for July 10th and 11th

State Waste Management & Recycling Plan

Updating Maine's Waste Management & Recycling Plan

The plan is intended to describe Maine's municipal solid waste stream, how it is being managed, and opportunities for improving its management. The State Planning Office is directed to prepare/update the plan every five years. According to 38 MRSA § 2122, the objective of the five-year plan is to:

'prepare an analysis of, and plan for, the management, reduction, and recycling of solid waste for the state. It should be based on the priorities and [on achieving the state 50% recycling goal]. The plan must provide guidance and direction to municipalities in planning and implementing

It is also stated that, as part of the five-year revision process, the plan "should incorporate changes in waste generation trends, changes in waste recycling and disposal technologies, development of new waste generating activities, and other factors affecting solid waste management...." The plan must include the following:

1. *Waste characterization:* the state plan must be based on a comprehensive analysis of solid waste generated, recycled, and disposed of in the State
2. *Waste reduction and recycling assessment:* the state plan must include an assessment of the extent to which waste generation can be reduced at the source and the extent to which recycling can be increased.
3. *Determination of existing and potential disposal capacity:* the state plan must identify existing solid waste disposal and management capacity within the State and the potential for expansion of that capacity.

4. *Projected demand for capacity:* the state plan must identify the State's need for current and future solid waste disposal capacity by type of solid waste, including identification of need over the next 5-year, 10-year, and 20-year periods.

Program staff is currently working on a draft that will be presented for public review and comment during the mid-summer.

Statewide Average Waste/ Recyclables Per Person

Pounds Per Person

Residential Trash	852
Residential Recyclables	147
Bulky Waste	142
Bulky Recyclables	218
Total Material Recycled	479
Total MSW	1,629

*based upon reports submitted by municipalities

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received in time and applications are due by March 4th, 2004.

Grant award letters have been mailed out and recipients should take the following steps:

- Notify our office that you are ready to go forward with the project
- Enter into a contract with the Maine State Planning Office in order to be eligible for reimbursements. All contracts are written using the standard State Agreement to Purchases Services Form
- If you agree to the terms and conditions of the grant contract, sign and return it to us.
- If the signed contract does contain conditions or stipulations, you will need to show us that those conditions have been met before you submit requests for payment.

Contact Sam Morris or Tom Miragliuolo at 1-800-662-4545 with questions.

Maine Recycles Week 2003

1st Steering Committee Meeting

Maine Recycles Week 2003 was launched with the first meeting of this year's MRW2003 steering committee meeting on May 15th. Fighting the busy spring schedules of many of its members, five members of this year's steering committee took the first steps to get the program off the ground. The meeting was held at the State Planning Office.



While recapping the successes of last year's campaign and poster contest, the creative thoughts started to flow once more. In the initial stages, it is hoped that more can be done to develop municipal and business programs. In the fifth year of having Maine Recycles Week, the feeling seemed to urge for the campaign to move from a campaign for public awareness to one of asking for commitment and showing sound results. Consideration was also given to branching out from the annual poster contest to include an essay contest - perhaps for the upper grades. Finally, much deliberation was given to getting the word out for both MRW2003 and the values of Recycling to schools and communities.

This year's program promises to be as equally ambitious as last year's. The Committee has resolved itself to try to maintain at least the same size budget as that supported by the 2002 MRW campaign. Again it was noted that the significance of the budget to Maine's Recycles Week is that it primarily supports the awards to the participating municipalities, schools, and businesses. Last year, three \$500 awards and five \$200 awards were presented along with three programs donated by the Chewonki Foundation. In these times, when the groans from budget cuts are almost enough to drown out the happy cries from the children on the playground, the cash awards to schools may take on a new significance.

This year's Maine Recycles Week committee begins the campaign consisting of: Carol Fuller, AVCOG; Diane Doe, the SHARE-center; John Albertini, MRRA; Pat Maloney, the Maine Tree Foundation; John Rankins, Commercial Recycling Systems; Jeff Pratt, Waste Management of Northern New England; and Dan Doyon, Cascades - Auburn Fiber. Bruce White has just recently assumed the responsibilities accompanying Maine Recycles Week and working with the schools. It is envisioned that data collected and presented by Hank Tyler will serve as not only a resource but also a motivator for community participants this year.

Anyone with questions or requests concerning MRW2003 should contact: Bruce White, Maine State Planning Office, State House Station #38, Augusta, Maine 04333-0038. (207) 287-5083, 1-800-662-4545, bruce.white@maine.gov.

Municipal Recycling Program Directory

We are in the process of updating our Municipal Recycling Programs Booklet. This booklet is a listing of all transfer stations and recycling centers in the State of Maine, both Town and Regional Facilities. This publication lists by town with contact person, mailing address, phone number, facilities locations, days and times the facility is opened and a listing of the materials that are handled at that facility. At this time SPO is putting together additional information that may also be helpful, such as email addresses and all facility locations, and days they are open. This directory is expected to be available later this year. The document will be posted on our website: www.recyclemaine.com

Help Us Reduce Waste!

If you have Internet access, you can help SPO save money and paper by signing up to receive this newsletter electronically. SPO will add you to the electronic mailing list and notify you via email when the newsletter is available online. If you wish to remain on the hard copy mailing list, please keep us informed of address changes or of unwanted multiple copies.

Please contact Rhonda at 1-800-662-4545 or Rhonda.Cartlidge@maine.gov to request changes.

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Welcome To Our Newest Team Member, Bruce White

Bruce has taken the position of education coordinator and will be responsible for Maine Recycles Week. He has been at SPO since 1990 and was originally a member of the Energy Policy team in the Office of Energy Resources. His experiences include being a teacher in vocational education as well as a librarian at UMA. Bruce is the program's education coordinator and leads statewide education efforts, associated with Maine Recycles Week. Bruce is available to work with schools and municipalities with waste management and recycling issues. You can contact Bruce at 287-8053

Coming Soon

Workshop on Composting: The Maine Resource Recovery Association will host this workshop in Bangor sometime in Mid-July. Contact John Albertini for the exact date and location 942-6772.



Maine Recycles Week - November 8th to the 15th. Call 287-8053 or visit www.recyclemaine.com/mrw to get involved.

**Keep your schedules open so
you can enjoy the summer!**